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Comments: I oppose any permitting that would allow the currently proposed expansion to the Holland Lake Lodge site.

I am a native Montanan. In my 40+ years, Montanans' per capita income has always been in the bottom 10-20% of our 50 states. We have always balanced having less money by enjoying our public lands, amazing wildlife and the ability to be truly alone. We have courted economic growth through tourism by peddling these gifts to out of state interests. We are now at capacity. Allowing a high dollar enterprise to develop a rustic location that is home to endangered wildlife, next door to pristine wilderness, and is currently accessible and widely used by locals would be a tragedy.

Once one of these permits is issued and a corporation invests millions of dollars, how often is the permit rescinded? I would imagine walking back any decision made now would end up in protracted legal battles while POWDR continues to disturb wildlife, displace locals and make profits. The fact that a winter expansion permit would even be considered has left me aghast. Is POWDR's eventual goal to erode the law enough to allow heli skiing in the Bob?

Call me Chicken Little but we have reached the event horizon in development of this site. History has taught us that when permission is granted, entitlement follows. Development is driven only by those looking to profit. Profit is not progress. The lake is the lake. The animals are the animals. They are asking for nothing but to survive.

Thank you for your time.